

**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT AREA**

DATE: Friday, November 20, 2009

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Houston-Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor
Conference Room A, Houston, Texas 77027

Chairman James Patterson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Tom Reid announced that there was a quorum; 14 members comprise a quorum. A quorum was declared present as recorded on the Roll Call included with these Minutes as Attachment 1. Attachment 2 lists persons in attendance other than members or their representatives.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Raquelle Lewis with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) provided a presentation on the department's 2011 – 2015 Strategic Plan development. She requested that the Council and public visit the website and participate in an online survey by November 30, 2009. The purpose of the survey is to solicit public input on transportation goals, issues and strategies.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Secretary Reid made a motion for the approval of the November 20, 2009 agenda. Mr. John Sedlak seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2009 MEETING

Secretary Reid made a motion for the approval of the October 23, 2009 minutes as corrected. Mr. John Sedlak seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the minutes as corrected.

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2008 – 2011 TIP AND 2035 RTP

Ms. Patricia Waskowiak provided a brief overview amendments to the 2035 RTP. She reported on a public meeting and the public comment period that took place for: a) Amendment #1 IH 10 W at SH 99 in Harris County that would add a project to construct two direct connectors at the interchange; and, b) Amendment #2 SH 105 and SH 105 Bypass that would correct the limits for two projects in Liberty County.

Secretary Reid made a motion for the approval of Resolution 2035-23-RTP. Judge Ed Emmett seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

APPROVAL OF REAUTHORIZATION OF REGIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Mr. Jeff Kaufman provided a brief update on the Regional Safety Council and the purpose it serves in the region. According to the Bylaws, the TPC must reauthorize the Regional Safety Council every four (4) years. Mr. Kaufman introduced Vice Chair Chief Tom Lambert. Chief Lambert commented on the significant impact the Regional Safety Council has made not only within the region but how it is recognized nationally through the work that has been achieved.

Mr. John Sedlak made a motion to approve reauthorization of the Regional Safety Council. Ms. Sue Lovell seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TPC BYLAWS

Mr. Steve Howard presented the Council the final revisions to the bylaws that include the new ethics policy. He briefly discussed the additions to the TPC membership regarding League City and the Gulf Coast Freight Rail District. Mr. Howard then addressed provided clarification on the role of the TPC versus the H-GAC Board of Directors in terms of contract approvals. The TPC approves funding for planning activities and programs described in the UPWP and TIP. The H-GAC Board, serving as the fiscal agent for the metropolitan planning organization, approves contracts to implement those activities and programs.

Judge Emmett requested to change the Gulf Coast Freight Rail District name to Gulf Coast Rail District.

Mr. Steve Howard made a motion to approve the TPC Bylaws with revisions. Ms. Sue Lovell seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved with the revisions.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Mr. Clark presented Resolution 2009-08 regarding functional classification changes. This resolution would support a recommendation from TxDOT-Houston District to change the functional classification of McCaleb Road, Fish Creek

Thoroughfare, Sendera Ranch Drive, Honea-Egypt Road, FM 2978 Extension and Lake Creek Road.

Mr. Craig Doyal made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-08 that would change the functional classification of the roadways as requested by TxDOT. Ms. Sue Lovell seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF 2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Alan Clark said that four (4) members volunteered to serve on the TPC Nominating Committee: 2nd Vice Chair Norman Brown with Liberty County, Mr. Scott Elmer with the City of Missouri City, Council Member Sue Lovell with the City of Houston, and Commissioner Matt Sebesta with Brazoria County.

Secretary Tom Reid made a motion to approve the 2010 Nominating Committee. Ms. Sue Lovell seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved with the revisions.

APPROVAL OF CANDIDATE PROJECTS FOR PROPOSITION 12 FUNDING

Mr. Alan Clark requested the Council's support for Resolution 2009-09 for Proposition 12 funding. He informed the Council that the Texas Transportation Commission acted on Proposition 12 recommendations at its November 19, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Clark provided a review of two (2) mobility projects located in Houston region. For additional information on these projects visit:
<http://www.h-gac.com/taq/committees/TPC/2009/11-nov/default.aspx>.

Judge Ed Emmett made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-09. Secretary Reid seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARRA STIMULUS PROJECTS

H-GAC has been working with local governments and TxDOT concerning local rehabilitation and maintenance projects approved at the October TPC meeting. As a result the Clinton Drive project was moved as the first priority on the local rehabilitation and maintenance list.

Mr. Michael Marcotte, Director of Public Works for the City of Houston, provided the Council a brief overview of the advancement of the project. The scope of the project includes pavement overlays, intersection adjustments, planting enhancements, minor drainage adjustments and much needed safety improvement. He added that the cost is at this time below the \$5 million approved for this project.

Mr. Clark referenced a letter that was sent to TCEQ informing them of the updates on this project. By providing TCEQ with this information he anticipates a delay in the PM_{2.5} ruling hoping EPA delays action on the findings.

REGIONAL TRANSIT FRAMEWORK STUDY

Ms. Patricia Waskowiak provided the Council with a brief overview of the purpose of the study and how it evolved based upon discussion with local public transit providers. This study is designed to help answer outstanding transit questions regarding coordinating services, expansion of services and funding needs by providing a long-term look at transit on a regional level and how we can accomplish goals for improving and enhancing transit in the region.

Mr. Scott Miller, HDR, provided the Council a presentation describing the goals, major elements and the timeline for the study. The study identifies regional transit needs, and how the region can address those in the future. The study will emphasize three different planning horizons (short-term, mid-term and long-term) and provides a basis for future policy decisions. He then indicated an estimated completion date of September 2010. Mr. Miller briefly discussed the related plans and studies review that has been completed and some initial results from the peer regions review and analysis. This presentation was concluded with comments, questions and answers.

REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC The current activities undertaken by the H-GAC Board of Directors was provided to the Council. Mr. Clark directed attention to the Texas Transportation Commission its approval of the Unified Transportation Program. An explanation of the outcome was provided to the Council. Information on the SH6 Southern Corridor Access Management Study was provided in the meeting materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman James Patterson adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:20 a.m.

Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

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ROLL CALL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Brandon Capetillo Councilman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Carpenter – Alternate	City of Baytown
Galveston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael B. Hughes Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Dianna Puccetti – Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Pam Holm Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable James Rodriguez – Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Sue Lovell Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Melissa Noriega – Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Marcotte, P.E. Director, Public Works & Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Weatherford - Alternate	City of Houston
Missouri, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Elmer Director of Public Works <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Ruda – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Darrel Morrison Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Benavides, P.E. – Alternate	City of Pasadena
Sugar Land, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Jacqueline Baly Chaumette Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Smithers - Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Matthew Doyle Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Doug Kneupper – Alternate	City of Texas City

ATTACHMENT 1

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Brazoria County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Matt Sebesta Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Payne – Alternate	Brazoria County
Brazoria County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Tom Reid Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Modesto Mundo – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Don Brandon, P.E. County Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Nelson – Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable James Patterson County Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Paulette Shelton – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Fitzgerald – Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Ed Emmett County Judge <input type="checkbox"/> Rose Hernandez – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arthur L. Storey Jr., P.E. Executive Director/County Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Freeman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Pat McLaughlan, P.E. Councilman <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Robert A. Fry – Alternate	Smaller Cities
Liberty County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Norman Brown Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Phil Fitzgerald – Alternate	Liberty County
Montgomery County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Craig Doyal Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Mark J. Mooney, P.E. – Alternate	Montgomery County
Montgomery County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Larry Calhoun Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Jay Ross Martin – Alternate	Smaller Cities

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Waller County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orval Rhoads, P.E. County Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Yancy Scott, P.E. – Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Wilson President and CEO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Sedlak – Alternate	Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority
Houston-Galveston Area Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Howard Chief Operating Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Steele – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delvin Dennis District Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Michael W. Alford, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<input type="checkbox"/> Randall “Randy” Redmond, P.E. District Engineer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phillip Lujan, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alec Dreyer Director, Port of Houston Authority <input type="checkbox"/> A.J. “Pete” Reixach – Alternate	Other Transportation Interest

26 Total Voting Membership

23 Voting Membership Present

14 Required Quorum

**Persons Other Than Members or Their Alternates Attending the Meeting of the
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL
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Airiohuodion, Charles - TxDOT
Alford, Mike - TxDOT
Bednar-Wood Carolyn - TxDOT
Carrillo, Ednard - Worley Parsons
Carroll, Bryan - METRO
Cheeh, Harold - City of Baytown
Chong, Ray - EMRA
Clark, Alan – H-GAC
Dean, Charles - Harris County
Dickson, Peter - Architect
Freeman, Jackie - HCPID
Hackett, Kari - H-GAC
Hall, Darrin - City of Houston
Hebert, Rosalind - H-GAC
Hodge, Mike - City of Pearland
Jenkins, Charlie - PHA
Johnson, Ashby - H-GAC
Kennison, Janet - HDR
Lee, Yong
Lewis, Raquel - TxDOT
McCulley, Hugh - BNSF
Mooney, Mark - Montgomery County
Mundo, Modesto - City of Lake Jackson
Nguyen, Hieu - Worley Parsons
Nixon, Carol - Gunda Corp
Olavson, Chris - GPA
Perna, Ryan - TCEQ
Shelton, Paulette - Fort Bend County
Shiraz, Mansour - TxDOT
Smith, Craig - TCEQ
Taylor, Debbie - HNTB
Thomas, William Paul - City of Houston
Trietsch, Gary - DEC
Villegas, Gabriella - H-GAC
Waskowiak, Pat - H-GAC
Wurdlow, David - H-GAC
Zientek, Richard - Harris County